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LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A method of forming an undergarment comprising:

inserting an adhesive layer between a first fabric layer and a second fabric layer to form a fabric sub-assembly, said sub-assembly having a periphery that is larger than an entire outer periphery of the undergarment;

causing said adhesive layer to form a laminate from said sub-assembly; and

removing a trim from said laminate at said entire outer periphery to form a finished edge of the undergarment, wherein said first and second fabric layers include a blend of cotton-based material.

2. (Original) The method as in claim 1, wherein said blend comprises about 44% to about 50% of said cotton-based material, about 44% to about 50% of a polyester material, and about 3% to about 9% of a spandex material.

3. (Original) The method as in claim 2, wherein said blend comprises about 47% of said cotton-based material, about 47% of said polyester material, and about 6% of said spandex material.

4. (Original) The method as in claim 1, wherein said finished edge resists unraveling.

5. (Original) The method as in claim 1, wherein said finished edge has a shape selected from the group consisting of a straight edge, a scalloped edge, and any combination of the foregoing.

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6. (Original) The method as in claim 1, wherein said adhesive layer only bonds said first and second fabric layers together in a selected region so that a non-bonded region is formed.

7. (Original) The method as in claim 6, wherein said non-bonded region is a breast cup region.

8. (Original) The method as in claim 1, wherein said adhesive layer is a layer of thermally actuated polyethylene and ethylene vinyl acetate copolymer.

9. (Previously presented) The method as in claim 1, wherein said adhesive layer allows said first fabric layer to bond to said second fabric layer so that said laminate is a stretchable laminate.

10. (Original) The method as in claim 1, further comprising inserting a fabric member between said first fabric layer and said adhesive layer.

11. (Original) The method as in claim 10, wherein said fabric member is a gore.

12. (Original) The method as in claim 10, wherein said fabric member is an underwire channel.

13. (Original) The method as in claim 12, further comprising inserting an underwire into said underwire channel before or after causing said adhesive layer to form said laminate.

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14. (Currently amended) A method of forming an undergarment comprising:

applying an adhesive layer to a first fabric layer, said first fabric layer being a first cotton blend fabric;

overlying said adhesive layer with a second fabric layer, said second fabric layer being a second cotton blend fabric;

causing said adhesive layer to bond said first and second fabric layers together to form a stretchable laminate, said stretchable laminate having a periphery that is larger than an entire outer periphery of the undergarment; and

cutting said stretchable laminate along said entire outer periphery to form a finished edge of the undergarment that resists unraveling.

15. (Original) The method as in claim 14, wherein said adhesive layer is a layer of thermally actuated polyethylene and ethylene vinyl acetate copolymer.

16. (Original) The method as in claim 14, wherein said adhesive layer only bonds said first and second fabric layers together in a selected region so that a non-bonded region is formed.

17. (Original) The method as in claim 16, wherein said non-bonded region is a breast cup region.

18. (Original) The method as in claim 14, further comprising inserting a fabric member between said first fabric layer and said adhesive layer.

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19. (Currently amended) A method of forming an undergarment comprising:
- forming an adhesive layer having an adhesive free region;
- surrounding said adhesive layer with a first fabric layer and a second fabric layer;
- causing said adhesive layer to bond said first and second fabric layers together to form a stretchable laminate, said stretchable laminate having a periphery that is larger than an entire outer periphery of the undergarment; and
- cutting said stretchable laminate along said entire outer periphery to form a finished edge of the undergarment that resists unraveling, wherein said adhesive layer is a layer of thermally actuated polyethylene and ethylene vinyl acetate copolymer.
20. (Original) The method as in claim 19, wherein said adhesive free region defines a non-bonded region of said first and second fabric layers.
21. (Original) The method as in claim 19, wherein said first and second fabric layers comprise a blend of a cotton material.
22. (Original) The method as in claim 21, wherein said blend comprises about 44% to about 50% of said cotton material, about 44% to about 50% of a polyester material, and about 3% to about 9% of a spandex material.
23. (Original) The method as in claim 19, wherein said finished edge has a shape selected from the group consisting of a straight edge, a scalloped edge, and any combination of the foregoing.